

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 7: AGRICULTURE AND ANIMALS
Chapter 8-E: AGRITOURISM ACTIVITIES

§251. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [2011, c. 609, §1 (NEW).]

1. Agritourism activity. "Agritourism activity" means any agricultural activity carried out on a farm or ranch that members of the general public are allowed to view or participate in, including farming, ranching, historical and cultural activities, harvest-your-own activities and attractions related to farming or ranching. An activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the participant pays to view or participate in the activity.

[2011, c. 609, §1 (NEW) .]

2. Agritourism professional. "Agritourism professional" means a person who is engaged in the business of farming or ranching and provides one or more agritourism activities, whether or not for compensation.

[2011, c. 609, §1 (NEW) .]

3. Farm or ranch. "Farm" or "ranch" means the land, plants, animals, buildings, structures, ponds and machinery used in the commercial production of agricultural products.

[2011, c. 609, §1 (NEW) .]

4. Farming or ranching. "Farming" or "ranching" means primarily engaging in the commercial production of agricultural products as a livelihood and includes dairy farming; raising livestock, freshwater fish, fur-bearing animals or poultry; producing, cultivating, growing and harvesting fruit, produce or floricultural or horticultural commodities; or any practices on a farm or ranch that are incident to or in conjunction with these farming operations.

[2011, c. 609, §1 (NEW) .]

5. Inherent risks of agritourism activity. "Inherent risks of agritourism activity" means those dangers or conditions that are an integral part of an agritourism activity, including but not limited to:

A. Certain hazards including surface and subsurface conditions and natural conditions of land, vegetation and waters; [2011, c. 609, §1 (NEW).]

B. The behavior of wild and domestic animals, including but not limited to the depositing of manure; [2011, c. 609, §1 (NEW).]

C. Ordinary dangers of structures or equipment ordinarily used in farming and ranching; and [2011, c. 609, §1 (NEW).]

D. The potential for injury to a participant or others if the participant acts in a negligent manner, including failing to follow instructions given by an agritourism professional or failing to exercise reasonable caution while engaging in an agritourism activity. [2011, c. 609, §1 (NEW).]

[2011, c. 609, §1 (NEW) .]

6. Participant. "Participant" means any person, other than the agritourism professional, who engages in an agritourism activity, whether or not a fee is paid to view or participate in the agritourism activity.

[2011, c. 609, §1 (NEW) .]

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2011, c. 609, §1 (NEW).

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